

Application Serial No. 10/731,241
Reply to Office Action of May 10, 2005

PATENT
Docket: CU-3484

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

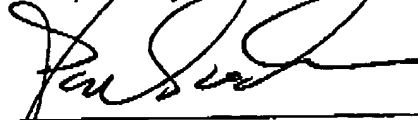
Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application before this amendment. By the present amendment, claims 2-3 have been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 1 and 7 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

In the office action, claim 7 stands objected to for containing informalities. The examiner's suggested amendment has been made and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

In the office action, claims 10-11 are allowed, and claim 3 is indicated as being allowable if it is rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include all allowable limitations of claims 2-3 as suggested in the office action. Accordingly, allowance of claims 1 and 4-11, now pending in this application, is respectfully requested. The applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance in the next action. This amendment is considered to be responsive to all points raised in the Office Action. Should the examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



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